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Applicant(s): Yoo, Woo Sik  
Assignee: WaferMasters, Incorporated  
Title: Method For Ultra Thin Film Formation  
Serial No.: 09/775,835 Filing Date: January 31, 2001  
Examiner: To be assigned Group Art Unit: To be assigned  
Docket No.: M-8250 US

Newport Beach, California  
May 7, 2001

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Before examination, please amend the specification as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Please amend FIGS. 6, 7A, 7B, and 7C to remove centerlines and other superfluous lines as indicated in the attached redlined drawings.

Please amend FIGS. 6 and 7C as indicated in the attached redlined drawings to include or remove lines, which were inadvertently removed from the drawings during photocopying for the filing of the application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 23 with the following paragraph.

FIGS. 3A and 4A, are simplified illustrations of embodiments of furnace 24. In each embodiment, furnace 24 may include a closed-end process inner chamber 52, which defines an interior cavity 54. In one embodiment, inner chamber 52 may be constructed with a substantially rectangular cross-section, having a minimal internal volume surrounding wafer 22. For example, the volume of inner chamber 52 may be no greater than about 5000 cm<sup>3</sup>, preferably the volume is less than about 3000 cm<sup>3</sup>. One result of the small

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return-Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Preliminary Amendment with redlined figures; and
- (4) Redlined Figs. 6, 7A, 7B, and 7C.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
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- ☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested.
- ☒ Please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-2386 in the amount of \$ 0.00
- ☒ Also, charge any additional fees required and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 19-2386.

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